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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Thomas Boucino
Serial No.: 09/591,349
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For: COMMUNICATIONS CABLES WITH ISOLATORS

Date: March 4, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 6 SEPTEMBER 2002

Sir:

This response is submitted in reply to the Official Action dated 6 September 2002 ("the Action"). Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections set forth in the Action be reconsidered in view of the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims:

Please amend the following claims to the form set forth hereinbelow; changes to each claim are indicated in the attached appendix entitled "Version Marked to Indicate Changes".

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9. (amended) A communications cable comprising:
a cable jacket;
a spacer extending within the cable jacket, the spacer having a longitudinally extending center portion and plurality of longitudinally extending wall portions radiating axisymmetrically from the center portion, the longitudinally extending wall portions decreasing in thickness over only a portion thereof from the center portion to the cable jacket, the spacer and the cable jacket defining a plurality of compartments within the cable jacket;
and
a twisted pair of insulated conductors disposed in one of the plurality of compartments.

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13. (thrice amended) A communications cable comprising:

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